

Our Docket No: 6488P008

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Thomas, et al.)	Examiner: Neils, Peggy A.
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Application No: 10/812,573)	Art Unit: 2885
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Filed: March 29, 2004)	
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For: METHODS AND APPARATUSES)	
FOR ILLUMINATING WHEEL)	
<u>SURFACES</u>)	

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE
(Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.104 (e))

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As an initial matter, the undersigned would like to thank the Examiner for the Examiner's thorough review of the above-captioned application and the allowance of claims 1-14, 16, 18-22, 74 and 75 in the Notice of Allowability, mailed January 18, 2008.

With regard to the Notice of Allowability mailed January 18, 2008 and the Supplemental Notice of Allowability mailed March 04, 2008, the undersigned submits herein a statement commenting on the reasons for allowance and respectfully requests that such statement be made of record.

Statement Commenting on the Reasons for Allowance

The Examiner indicates, in the Form PTOL-37 of the Notice of Allowability mailed January 18, 2008, that claims 1-14, 16, 18-22, 74 and 75 are allowed. In particular, the Form PTOL-37 in question includes claim 18 as one of the claims which is allowed. The undersigned notes that claim 18, which depends directly from allowed claim 1, is still a pending claim which has not been canceled, as indicated in the last Office Action response filed November 13, 2007.

In the *Allowable Subject Matter* section of the Notice of Allowability mailed January 18, 2008 and in the Supplemental Notice of Allowability mailed March 04, 2008, pending claim 18 is omitted in the listing of claims which are allowed. However, neither the Notice of Allowability mailed January 18, 2008 nor the Supplemental Notice of Allowability mailed March 04, 2008 provides any indication or any explanation as to whether or why claim 18 might have changed its status as either a pending claim or as an allowed claim.

In light of the pending status of claim 18 and the listing of pending claim 18 as an allowed claim in Form PTOL-37 of the Notice of Allowability mailed January 18, 2008, it is the understanding of the undersigned that a clerical mistake is to account for any omission of pending claim 18 from other listings of the allowed claims in this case. Accordingly, the undersigned will proceed with paying of the issue fee with the understanding that pending claim 18 is to be included in the allowed claims. The Examiner is invited to kindly contact the undersigned if there are any complications related to the inclusion of pending claim 18 as one of the allowed claims in this case.

Respectfully submitted,
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